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## BIG FORENSIC CONTEST

Eight Colleges Represented  
By Orators in Friday  
Contests At Taber-  
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## AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Jessie Duncanson and Maurice Cole  
Will Represent Alma

Friday afternoon and evening the annual Michigan Intercollegiate oratorical contests will be held in the newly built tabernacle and for the first time in nine years Alma will be the scene of the biggest forensic contest in the state. In the afternoon at two o'clock the women representatives from eight of the colleges of the state will meet and decide the supremacy and in the evening at eight o'clock the representative men will meet.

These men and women who will deliver orations Friday have been picked at their respective schools after local contests. The winner in each contest will represent Michigan at the big Interstate Contest. Valuable prizes will be awarded. Competent judges have been secured to judge on the merits of the orations and the delivery of the orators.

This will be a fine opportunity for those who enjoy hearing the best student speakers and a record crowd is anticipated.

The program for the afternoon's contest is as follows:

Vocal Duet—Misses Gillmore and Woodruff.

The Newer Patriotism—Jessie Duncanson, Alma.

The Renaissance of America—Shirley Rigdon, Hillsdale.

Apples of Sodom—Dorothy H. Pieters, Hope.

The Cry of the Children—Susan Slayton, Kalamazoo.

Violin Solo—Prof. Cyril Davis.

A Neglected Factor in Civilization—Fern M. Gage, Olivet.

The Sport of Kings—Eva R. Arent, Mich. State Normal.

The Women of Tomorrow—Florence Butler, Adrian.

A Matron or a Mother?—Amy Fee, Albion.

The program for the men's contest is as follows:

The Newer Citizenship—Maurice Cole, Alma.

The Practical American—Carleton Miller, Hillsdale.

The Newer Patriotism—Cornelius Wierenza, Hope.

American Freedom Imperiled—Homer Townsend, Kalamazoo.

A Voice From the Past—Elwood Stanberry, Mich. State Normal.

The Perils of Civilization—Chas. A. Thorton, Olivet.

The Safeguards of Industry—Thomas Soule, Adrian.

The Next Battlefield—Guy Fox, Albion.

The two Alma representatives, Miss Duncanson and Maurice Cole will have the hearty support of every Alma student and citizen in their attempts to win the high laurels at stake.

## DR. SLUYTER ENTERTAINS AT DINNER.

Dr. E. A. Sluyter entertained at a dinner at the Wright House Saturday evening Dr. E. A. Ward of Saginaw, Dr. McGavoe and Dr. Geo. McLaughlin, President of the American School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, Missouri. Dr. Sluyter is a graduate of that school and the reunion of old friends made the dinner a very delightful occasion.

## ORDERS FOR SHRUBS

The Civic League committee will meet in the Reading Room Monday afternoon, March 8th, between one thirty and five thirty o'clock to take orders for shrubs and trees.

## ARRIVED SAFELY

Eighteen cars of the Illinois emigrant train arrived in Alma Sunday morning at twelve forty five o'clock. Ten more cars of the new Gratiot farmers are due to arrive in the near future.

Dr. Gills dentist parlors are located over Economy Shoe Store. Don't forget new location. Adv. 187:11

## MANAGING EDITOR WEED RESIGNS.

Mr. W. A. Weed, who for the past two months has been managing editor of the Record, has resigned his position and has accepted a similar position with the Sharon Advocate, a newspaper located at Sharon, Massachusetts. He left Alma Saturday and will take up his new duties immediately upon his arrival in the Massachusetts town. Though coming to this city as a total stranger, Mr. Weed performed the exacting duties involved in a highly satisfactory manner and made many friends during his brief stay in the city.

## PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Theodore Marsh, Former Alma Resident Dies Following Operation

Mrs. Theodore Marsh, for a number of years a resident of Alma died at her home in Portland, Oregon, Monday, February 22, following an operation. Telegrams to former friends and relatives in Michigan bore the sad news. On the same evening her husband left Portland to take the body to Lansing where she has been buried. Funeral services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earl Norton, Ottawa street. For a number of years Mr. Marsh was employed in the office of the St. Louis Chemical Co. and also in the office now occupied by the Home Lumber & Fuel Company. Mrs. Marsh was a leader in many of the social and civic activities of the community and was beloved by a host of friends in the city. About four years ago she moved with her husband to the western city where Mr. Marsh has been in the employ of an automobile concern.

The announcement of her death came as a great shock to her large circle of friends for no news of her illness had been sent.

## LAW BREAKERS JAILED.

Miss Ellen Mowry, who lives near Clare and will be remembered for the undesirable notoriety which she secured because of her arrest for horse thievery last September and subsequent parole which was to be in force for two years is again in the toils for law breaking.

Last week she attempted to pass a forged check in Clare county and was apprehended and taken to the county jail at Ithaca. Her case will come up before the court in the near future. County Sheriff Newell Bradford also reported the arrest of Harley Morrow, of Perrinton, for assault and battery committed Monday morning. Mr. Yunker of that community was the object of the recalcitrant's anger.

## NISBIT ELECTED CAPTAIN.

Stephen Nisbit, 1916, was elected captain of next year's basketball team at the college by the members of this year's five. Tuesday afternoon, following the taking of the team picture. Though he has seen but one year of varsity basketball Nisbit is one of the finest guards ever turned out by the Presbyterian school. He will graduate next year.

## RHODES AND POLLASKY ENTERTAIN

Messrs. Charles G. Rhodes and Frank Pollasky were hosts at an informal stag party given at the home of the latter on State St., last Wednesday evening at which thirty invited guests were present. Cards were played until ten o'clock when light refreshments were served. After this the games were continued until twelve.

## MAN TAKES HIS OWN MEDICINE IS AN OPTIMIST

He has absolute faith in his medicine—he knows when he takes it for certain ailments he gets relief. People who take Dr. King's New Discovery for irritating cold are optimists—they know this cough remedy will penetrate the linings of the throat, kill the germs, and open the way for Nature to act. You can't destroy a cold by superficial treatment—you must go to the cause of the trouble. Be an optimist. Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery to-day.

## HAS BEEN DEDICATED

The Tabernacle Initiatory  
Services Held Friday  
Night

## OVER 1300 PEOPLE PRESENT

At Big Meeting Sunday Night Rev. Mason Preaching Sermon

"The Tabernacle is the biggest thing in Alma. The people of this city would not go to so much labor and expense so willingly," for any other cause than that of Christ's," said Evangelist Loose after he had arrived and seen the huge building which is to house the evangelistic meetings which were begun last Monday. The tabernacle was finished on scheduled time and last Friday was given a formal dedication by the pastors of the city and about five hundred people who gathered in it.

Rev. Priest of the Baptist Church presided. Rev. Brownlow delivered the dedicatory address and Prof. A. P. Cook as Mayor of the city delivered the dedicatory prayer. Prof. Lillenas led a choir of over seventy-five voices.

Despite the fact that it was previously announced that Evangelist Loose would be unable to be present at the Sunday night meeting which inaugurated the campaign over thirteen hundred people were present, the tabernacle being full to overflowing. There were over one hundred and twenty-five in the choir. Prof. Lillenas delivered a very striking sermon on the need of revival services and outlined generally the work which he and Mr. Loose would attempt in the coming campaign.

Mr. Loose did not arrive in Alma until Tuesday morning on account of the serious illness of his daughter who is a student in Carroll College, Wisconsin, so that Rev. William Mason of the Presbyterian Church delivered the sermon on Monday evening. He took as his theme "The Pentecostal Power". He pointed out that the elements which must be present to make this campaign a real success would be consecration, unity, prayer and enthusiasm. It was a powerful sermon, especially well delivered and made a strong impression. Rev. Carl presided at the meeting. Rev. Priest read the scripture and Captain Lamont of the Salvation Army led in prayer.

Wednesday evening was Builders' Night when all those who contributed their labor to the building of the tabernacle were present and sat in a section reserved for them. Thursday evening was High School when special services were held for the young people of the city who were in attendance upon at high school.

The influence of the revival services is becoming stronger daily and much good will come from the meetings.

## SCOUTS LEND A HAND.

The local troop of the Boys Scouts of America has taken it upon themselves to take care of the little park which has been laid out just east of the Union depot for the coming summer.

The large number of roses and other shrubs which make this one of the most beautiful spots in the city and a source of favorable comment upon the part of all transients, are the gifts of Mrs. Francis King. With the cultivation of the grass and flowers an ugly eyesore has become a delightful little garden plot. The Scouts will see that it loses none of its beauty and freshness during the hot summer months. If they apply the same skill and care to the performance of this task as they have to all others which they have undertaken nature lovers who enjoy this spot will have cause for appreciation.

Mrs. C. M. Brown injured her wrist a short time ago and it became so serious that she and Mr. Brown went to the Battle Creek Sanitarium for treatment. Word has been received here that although the wrist was lanced several times, the poison worked upward, and it was necessary to lance the shoulder. Her condition is serious.

## LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

A party of nine local people left the city Sunday evening for Chicago where a trip to California was begun Monday evening. The party consisted of Mrs. E. T. Lamb and two sons, Woodburn and Gordon, Mrs. Geo. Sharrar and son, Lee, Mrs. Lucretia Stannard and Miss McMertry.

Mrs. Lamb with her two sons will spend at least two months and possibly three visiting her mother in Los Angeles and friends in Spokane. Mrs. Sharrar and son, Lee, will go directly to Pasadena to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayt, while Mrs. Stannard will go farther north to Seattle.

## A SAD ACCIDENT

Fred Hammer Former Alma Man Killed by Freight Engine in Saginaw

Springing from the delivery automobile of his employer in an attempt to escape from what seemed an inevitable collision, Frederick L. Hammer, aged 55, a sausage-maker for A. P. Carle, butcher at 1527 Janes avenue, was struck and instantly killed by the Pere Marquette Detroit flyer at the Janes avenue crossing of the P. M. about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Fred Carle, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. Carle, who drove the automobile, remained in the car and escaped unhurt, although the rear right wheel of the auto was struck and demolished by the engine. Fred Carle was so dazed by the accident and suffered so from the shock that he was unable last night to tell anything of the events that led up to the tragedy. There is a clear view of the tracks for some distance from the west, the direction from which the auto was coming.

Hammer jumped from the auto just as it reached the tracks and was thrown some distance after being struck. He was picked up by the train crew and taken to the Potter street depot, from where he was removed to Frazee's undertaking rooms.

Frederick L. Hammer was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, 55 years ago, and came to America when a youth. He was a butcher by trade and made his home in Alma up to seven years ago when he moved to Saginaw, residing at 912 Lapeer avenue. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hammer, and three daughters, Miss Emma and Mrs. A. R. Krueger, Saginaw; and Mrs. Fred Noeske, Bay City. He was a member of the Maccabees and three other fraternal insurance bodies. The funeral will be held probably Thursday although arrangements have not yet been completed.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

## SHOW A SUCCESS

Amateur Show Staged by  
College Boys Saturday  
Night Makes Hit

## FOR BENEFIT OF BAND

May Be Repeated in Wright Opera House

Saturday evening in the college chapel students and young men of the city gave a minstrel show and band concert for the benefit of the college band before an audience which taxed the capacity of the Auditorium. It was an evening of rollicking entertainment and the crowd was kept in high spirits throughout the performance by the succession of song and jest.

The band led by Mr. Ray Tomlin was present and rendered several selections while instrumental selections were played by Messrs. Chas. O. Ward of the First State Bank, James Stauber and Frank Whittington. The solo by the latter and the duet by the two former were especially well appreciated and were followed by encores.

Chester Robinson acted in the capacity of interlocutor. The following acted "end men," Rudolph Beyers, Emerald Garlock, Linton Melvin, Ralph Chisholm, Burnell Wright, Thomas Blaisdell, Bryson McCloy, and Oscar Anderson. John Wax gave a dialect impersonation which brought down the house and Verne Van Duzen and Robert McAllister sang solos in costume. The former gave an impersonation of Harry Lauder and the latter of a Chinaman. Paul Austin with his solo, Banjo Song, made a great hit. His numbers are always the popular feature of every musical program and his solo Saturday evening was no exception. Mr. William Gallagher was at the piano.

The proceeds of the evening's performance will be applied for the payment of the band suits which were recently bought from a local merchant. The Saturday evening show was so popular and so well attended that it will probably be repeated with changes in the Wright Opera House in the near future.

## WHITE MAN WITH BLACK LIVER

The Liver is a blood purifier. It was thought at one time it was the seat of the passions. The trouble with most people is that their Liver becomes black because of impurities in the blood due to bad physical states, causing Biliousness, Headache, Dizziness, and Constipation. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clean up the Liver, and give you new life. 25c at your Druggist.

## BIG RECEPTION

Over eighty ladies were present at a big reception given by Mesdames Scattergood, Parr, Gaffney, and C. F. Brown in the Moose Hall, Thursday afternoon of last week. After a short reception the guests played cards. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. May sang two very beautiful solos and were called upon for encores. Out of town guests were present from Ithaca, Stanton, Mt. Pleasant and St. Louis.

## FINE IMPERSONATION

Mrs. Hutchinson Gives Fine Reading on Sunnybrook Farm Heroine at M. E. Church

A good crowd greeted Miss W. C. Hutchinson, the impersonator at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening and were treated to an excellent hour and a half of entertainment, consisting of readings from the popular novel, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Rebecca, the heroine of the story, has just been called by the eminent critic Thomas Bailey Aldrich "Just the nicest child in American literature." Miss Hutchinson portrayed the character of this beautiful girl with remarkable ability drawing with rare skill a picture of a sensitive nature always doing the unexpected and consequently suffering much criticism at the hands of people who cannot understand her varying moods.

## SLATER'S CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Fred Slater, the progressive clothing merchant has planned a novel sale for next week which should attract a big patronage. It is unique inasmuch as all of the five churches of the city will share in the proceeds of the daily sales and practically take charge of Fred's new clothing emporium during the first five days of the week. Beginning with Monday the Methodists, Episcopalians, Catholics, Baptists and Presbyterians will take charge of the store for one day each and will take the entire profit made on every sale. Fred will have only nominal charge of the store during the week until Saturday.

This plan should be of great help to the churches as well as a healthy boost to the growing business of Mr. Slater. On Saturday March 6th the College Band will share in all the proceeds in much the same way as the churches will on the following week.

C. R. Aldrich, manager of Michigan State Telephone Company, St. Louis, was taken to Brainerd on a special Sunday for a serious operation.

## DOUBLE VICTORY

High School and College  
Basket Ball Fives Win  
Brilliant Victories  
Friday Night

## FINAL GAMES OF SEASON

Biggest Crowd That Ever Packed  
High School Gym Sees Cadillac  
and Adrian Lose By Big Scores

The two high school fives took the floor at eight o'clock with the biggest crowd which has ever jammed the high school gym on hand for the double header. The scoring for the first half was very light with Dutt, the big Alma center dropping in two baskets and Smith digging the ball up in fine style. The half ended with Alma in the lead by a 12 to 6 count. For the final period Medler took Tinkham's place at right forward and with the game safely under way, Stevens displaced Dutt and Haner took Muscott's place. Alma literally ran away from their opponents during this half. Smith scored several fine field baskets though his foul shooting was rather off color.

Last Friday evening at the High School gymnasium the college and high school basketball teams closed up their seasons by scoring decisive victories over Adrian college and Cadillac high school fives respectively. Basketball fans of the city were given a rare treat for both games were well played, though one sided, and the play at times bordered on the sensational. Adrian was defeated by the score of 52 to 14 and Cadillac by the score of 25 to 16. The college band led by Ray Tomlin was on hand and rendered fine selections which were very much appreciated by the audience.

After this game the band rendered several popular airs following which the two college fives took the floor. Alma took the lead from the first foot of the whistle and at the end of the half was leading by the score of twenty-four to four, the visitors being able to score but one field goal. Gallagher, Wood and Stegall scored baskets at will besides showing the visitors some excellent passing.

With no substitutions the local quintet continued their good work during the second half and rolled up the score to 52 to 14. The local defense was relaxed somewhat and the Adrian forwards tossed in four field baskets.

Wood and Gallagher each scored twenty points, while Stegall scored the remaining twelve points. Nisbit played an excellent game at guard for Alma.

Alma—Smith, R. F.; Tinkham, L. F.; Dutt, C.; Perry (captain), R. G.; Muscott, L. G.

Cadillac—Titus, R. F.; Worden, L. F.; Hansen, C.; Moak, R. G.; Van DerHoff, L. G.

Field baskets: Smith 6, Medler 2, Dutt 2; Titus 3, Worden 3, Hansen. Baskets from foul: Smith 5 in 11; Worden 2 in 15. Substitutions: Haner for Muscott Medler for Tinkham, Stevens for Dutt, Norlock for Moak. Final score 25 to 16. Score first half, Alma 12, Cadillac 6; referee, Spencer, Saginaw.

Alma—Gallagher, R. F.; Stegall, L. F.; Cook, (captain) C.; Wood, R. G.; Nisbit, L. G.

Adrian—Coombs, R. F.; Hart, (captain) I. F. Teachout, C.; Rogge, R. G.; Dawson, L. G.

Final score: Alma 52, Adrian 14; score first half: Alma 24, Adrian 4. Field baskets, Wood 10, Gallagher 8, Stegall, 6; Coombs 2, Hart, Teachout 3. Baskets from foul, Gallagher 4 in 11, Hart 2 in 7. Referee, Spencer, Saginaw.

## WOMEN'S CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of the Women's Club was held at the home of Mrs. John Caple on South Woodworth avenue last Monday afternoon with the result that the following ladies will serve in official capacities for the coming year: President, Mrs. Geo. W. Moore; vice-president, Mrs. Cyrus B. Gardner; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Charles O. Ward; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Francis King.



INTERIOR VIEW OF TABERNACLE BUILT IN 24 HOURS